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- 1. RSO HAS BEEN UNDER ASSUMPTION THAT JAPANESE EQUIVALENT OF H-6 GLASS WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED AT LOWER LEVELS OF NEW OFFICE BUILDING DID AWAY WITH NEED FOR WINDOW GRILLS AT GROUND LEVEL. IN ADDITION TO NO GRILLS ON GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS, THERE ARE ALSO NO GRILL GATES FOR MAIN AND CONSULAR SECTION ENTRANCES. EMBASSY, FBO PROJECT SUPERVISOR AND RSO FEEL THAT INSTALLATION OF GROUND FLOOR WINDOW GRILLS AT THIS POINT WHILE THEORETICALLY FEASIBLE WOULD PROVIDE MINIMUM EXTRA PROTECTION WHILE SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERING AESTHETICS OF BUILDING. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SY AND FBO'S EVALUATION OF PROTECTION OF GLASS BEING INSTALLED SINCE THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER SY AND FBO FEEL THAT GRILLS ARE ESSENTIAL.
- 2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT SINCE GLASS BEING INSTALLED SHOULD PROTECT AGAINST FORCED ENTRY EXCEPT IN CASE OF LARGE SCALE DEMONSTRATION, IT MAY BE PRACTICAL TO DESIGN REMOVABLE GRILLS THAT WOULD NORMALLY NOT BE INSTALLED BUT COULD BE PUT IN PLACE QUICKLY DURING PERIODS OF HEIGHTENED SECURITY CONCERN. CONFIDENTIAL

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